



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Rene Gantier *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1631

Serial No: 10/658,355

Examiner: Russel Scott Negin

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Title *RATIONAL DIRECTED PROTEIN EVOLUTION USING TWO-DIMENSIONAL
RATIONAL MUTAGENESIS SCANNING*

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. '1.132

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, MANUEL VEGA declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor of and am familiar with the subject matter and claims of the above-captioned application. I also am a joint inventor and am familiar with the subject matter and claims of copending application U.S. Application Serial No. 10/658,834.

2. I am a founder of and Chief Executive Officer of Nautilus Biotech, the assignee of the above-captioned application.

3. I have reviewed the outstanding Office Action, including the rejection alleging misnaming of inventors.

4. I have reviewed our records and discussed this with others of the named inventors of the above-captioned application. Based upon this review:

(a) I find no basis upon which to conclude that inventorship as set forth in this application or in the copending application is incorrect;

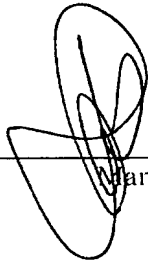
(b) inventor Hugo Cruz Ramos contributed to claims, such as pending claims 18 and 19 that recite that "each is-HIT target amino acid is resistant to digestion by one or more proteases compared to in unmodified protein," and that "the LEADs possess increased digestibility compared to unmodified target protein."

5. Accordingly, Hugo Cruz Ramos is not a joint inventor of any of claims 1, 4-11, 15 and 79-81. The remaining joint inventors, Manuel Vega, Lila Drittanti, Rene Gantier and Thierry Guyon, are common to the above-captioned application and copending application U.S. Application Serial No. 10/658,834. One or more of Manuel Vega, Lila Drittanti, Rene Gantier and Thierry Guyon, who are common to the above-captioned application and the copending application, are inventors of one or more or all of claims 1, 4-11, 15 and 79-81.

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.



Manuel Vega

Date: Nov 3, 2006
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